

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An improved spring-activated mole trap that includes two pairs of clamping jaws that, when released, converge to kill a mole located therebetween, the mole trap also including a trigger ^{rod} arm that holds the jaws in an opened, biased position and, when sufficiently moved by a mole, releases the jaws thereby killing the mole, the improvement comprising:

a. a pair of handles longitudinally aligned and extending from the jaws enabling
said mole trap to be vertically aligned and inserted into a mole opening;

b. a limiting means for said trigger ~~arm~~^{rod} to prevent access rotation of the trigger

rod
-arm

1 arm when released;

2 c. a pivoting trigger plate capable of engaging the end of the trigger ~~arm~~^{rod}, said

3 trigger plate being z-shaped with an upper trigger ~~rod support~~ plate and an ~~offset~~

4 lower, ~~offset~~, trigger support plate;

15 d. a foot bar enabling the jaws to be activated by the user's foot, said foot bar
16 including an elongated bar with ~~a jaw-engaging~~ ^{an arc-engaging} surface at one end, so that when said mole
17 trap is aligned longitudinally on a support surface, said ~~jaw-engaging~~ ^{arc-engaging} surface may be placed
18 against one ~~jaw~~ ^{arc portion} and the user's foot may be placed ~~thereon~~ ^{on the foot bar} to force said jaws into a set
19 position.

2. The improved spring-activated mole trap as recited in Claim 1, wherein said limiting
means for said trigger ~~arm~~^{rod} is a u-shaped member designed prevent the upward rotation of
said trigger ~~arm~~^{rod} around said u-shaped member when said trigger ~~arm~~^{rod} is released.

1 3. A method of setting a spring-activated mole trap, comprising the following steps:

2 a. selecting a spring activated, two claw mole trap, said mole trap having two

3 ~~longitudinally~~ ^{releases} ^{rod} ~~release~~ aligned handles, and a trigger plate that ~~release~~ a trigger ~~arm~~ when activated

4 by a mole;

5 b. selecting a mole opening;

6 c. selecting a foot bar to activate~~s~~ said mole trap;

7 d. activating said mole trap with said foot bar;

8 e. grasping said handles to move said mole trap, and;

9 f. vertically inserting said mole trap into said mole opening so that said jaws are

10 transversely aligned inside said mole opening and said trigger plate is ~~position~~ ^{positioned} adjacent to the

11 soil under said trap.

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